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2010 Crop Planting Intentions

As of March 1, U.S. corn growers reported they intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both the previous years. Acreage is up in many states due to reduced winter wheat plantings. Increases of 300,000 or more corn acres are expected in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio this year.

Corn planting intentions in Wisconsin as of March 1, were 3.90 million acres. If realized this would be an increase of 50,000 acres from last year.

Soybean producers in the U.S. intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record. The largest soybean acreage increases this year are expected in Kansas, up 400,000 acres, and Iowa, up 300,000 acres.

Soybean planting intentions in Wisconsin are 1.55 million acres. This is 80,000 acres, or 5 percent, less than last year.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009, but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Seeding was lower due to late row crop harvest and weather.

Wisconsin's winter wheat estimate is for 25 percent fewer acres in 2010 than last year due to a late corn and soybean harvest. The state's forecast is 250,000 acres.

Wisconsin oat and barley planting intentions for 2010 are both up from last year. Oat planting intentions are 320,000 acres, up 10,000 acres. Barley plantings are forecast at 50,000 acres, up 5,000 from last year.

Nationally, hay acres for dry hay harvest is up 1.2 percent from last year, and are expected to be 60.5 million acres.

Wisconsin hay producers expect to harvest 2.05 million acres for dry hay, up 130,000 acres from 2009.

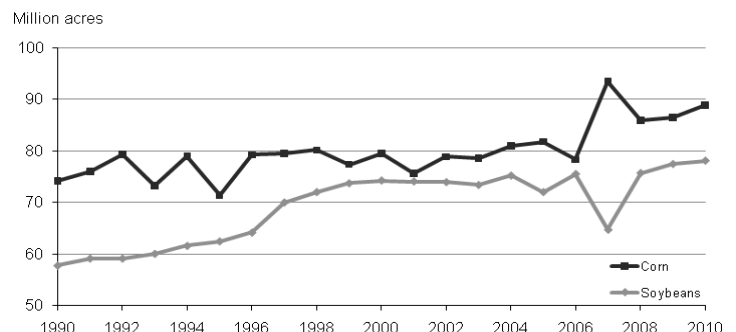
Planted Acreage for 2008, 2009, and Prospective March 2010

Crop	2008	2009	2010	2010/09
	Thousand acres			Percent
WISCONSIN				
Corn, all	3,800	3,850	3,900	101
Soybeans	1,610	1,630	1,550	95
Oats	270	310	320	103
Barley	43	45	50	111
Winter wheat	350	335	250	75
Hay, all 1/	1,900	1,920	2,050	107
Dry edible beans	6.5	6.4	6.0	94
US				
Corn, all	85,982	86,482	88,798	103
Soybeans	75,718	77,451	78,098	101
Oats	3,247	3,404	3,364	99
Barley	4,246	3,567	3,273	92
Winter wheat	46,307	43,311	37,698	87
Hay, all 1/	60,152	59,755	60,460	101
Dry edible beans	1,495	1,538	1,767	115

1/Area harvested. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



United States Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage



Wisconsin Corn and Soybean Stocks Up from March 2009

Corn stocks in all positions in Wisconsin totaled 274 million bushels as of March 1, 2010, up 13 percent from March 2009. On-farm stocks accounted for 175 million bushels, while off-farm stocks came in at 99 million bushels. Of the 242 million bushels in all positions in Wisconsin in March 2009, 160 million bushels were stored on the farm, while 82 million bushels were stored off the farm.



National corn stocks in all positions totaled 7.69 billion bushels on March 1, 2010, up 11 percent from March 2009. Of the total stocks, 4.55 billion bushels were stored on farms, 11 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 3.15 billion bushels, were up 10 percent from March of last year. The December 2009 - February 2010 indicated disappearance is 3.23 billion bushels, compared with 3.12 billion bushels during the same period a year earlier.

Wisconsin soybean stocks in all positions totaled 29.5 million bushels as of March 1, 2010, up from 26.3 million bushels in March 2009. On-farm and off-farm stocks were 9.2 million bushels and 20.3 million bushels, respectively, compared with last March's 10 million on-farm bushels and 16.3 million off-farm bushels.

U.S. soybeans stored in all positions totaled 1.27 billion bushels on March 1, 2010, down 2 percent from March 2009. On-farm stocks totaled 609 million bushels, 7 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 661 million bushels, were up 2 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for December 2009 - February 2010 totaled 1.07 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 98 million bushels, 3 percent above the stocks in March 2009. Of the total stocks on hand, 30.9 million bushels were stored on farms, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks totaled 67.1 million bushels, an increase of 3 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance during December 2009 - February 2010 is 12.6 million bushels, 35 percent below the same period a year ago.

U.S. wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 30 percent from March 2009. On-farm stocks came in at 348 million bushels, 24 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1 billion bushels, were 32 percent above March of last year. The December 2009 - February 2010 indicated disappearance is 429 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in the U.S. in all positions totaled 157 million bushels on March 1, 2010, up 22 percent from March 2009. On-farm stocks, at 67.4 million bushels, were 52 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 90 million bushels, 6 percent above last March. During December 2009 - February 2010, indicated disappearance totaled 49 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain Stocks, March 1, 2009-2010 (Total, All Positions) 1/

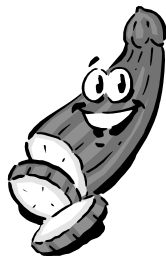
Grain	Wisconsin		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 bushels			
Corn	242,088	274,386	6,954,145	7,693,940
Soybeans	26,313	29,540	1,301,789	1,270,006
Oats	2/	2/	95,450	98,026
Wheat	2/	2/	1,040,064	1,352,333
Barley	2/	2/	129,101	157,399

1/Includes both on- and off-farm stocks. 2/Minor states not published separately, but are included in U.S. total. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO



2010 Vegetable Planting Intentions

In 2010, Wisconsin's contract acres for processing cucumbers and snap beans are expected to increase. Conversely, state contract acres for processing green peas and sweet corn are forecast to be lower.



Contracted acres of processing snap beans in Wisconsin are expected to rise less than 1 percent from last year to 83,500 acres in 2010. Processing green peas are expected to decrease from 41,400 acres in 2009 to 40,800 acres. Acres of cucumbers for pickles are expected to increase 3 percent to 6,500 acres. Sweet corn acres for processing for 2010 are expected to fall 9 percent to 83,300 acres.

Nationally, contract acres for snap beans are expected to rise less than 1 percent to 196,150 acres in 2010. Contracts for processing green peas will decrease from 213,450 acres in 2009 to 182,800 acres in 2010. Processing sweet corn acreage is predicted to fall 13 percent to 351,400 acres. Contract cucumbers for pickles acreage is forecast down, from 29,040 acres last year to 17,500 acres this year.

Vegetables: Prospective Plantings, Wisconsin

Crop	Planted area			Change contract 2010/2009
	2009		2010 contract intentions 1/	
	Total	Contract 1/		
	Acres			Percent
Processing:				
Cucumbers	6,300	6,300	6,500	+3
Green peas	41,400	41,400	40,800	-1
Snap beans	83,600	83,100	83,500	n.c.
Sweet corn	91,200	91,200	83,300	-9

1/Includes acreage from major brokers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



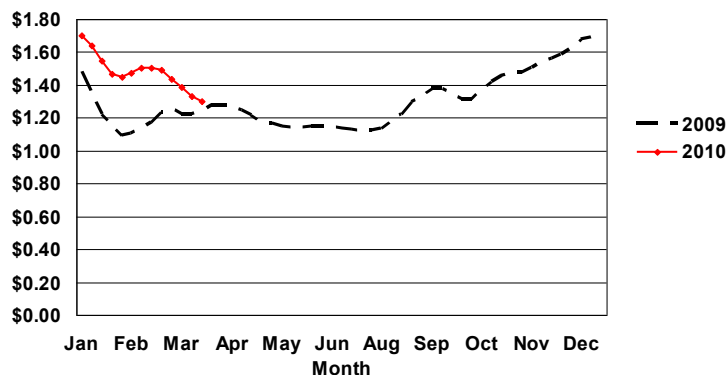
Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U.S.

Item and area	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Change from last year 1/
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	320,751	347,563	318,947	-1
Cheddar				
WI	49,049	56,743	52,100	+6
CA	25,338	29,671	27,068	+7
ID	40,854	45,057	40,240	-2
MN	39,999	42,070	38,125	-5
US	241,474	266,552	242,845	+1
Brick & Muenster	9,710	10,076	8,444	-13
Cream & Neufchatel	54,086	56,577	56,721	+5
Hispanic	16,338	16,117	15,616	-4
Mozzarella				
WI	62,856	69,976	65,800	+5
CA	84,802	97,658	90,194	+6
US	247,418	285,020	260,655	+5
Parmesan	15,615	21,041	18,938	+21
Provolone	28,607	27,028	26,338	-8
Ricotta	19,726	23,514	20,346	+3
Romano	4,352	2,852	3,380	-22
Other Italian types	4,152	3,278	3,127	-25
Total Italian				
WI	92,910	102,725	96,206	+4
CA	92,198	106,980	100,257	+9
US	319,870	362,733	332,784	+4
Swiss	23,660	27,179	24,580	+4
All other cheese	25,406	21,401	20,115	-21
Total cheese				
WI	194,194	213,846	198,750	+2
CA	160,615	175,554	161,521	+1
ID	61,523	66,937	59,929	-3
NY	56,424	57,627	55,311	-2
US	769,821	841,646	777,207	+1

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

U.S. Cheddar 40 lb. Block Price

Dollars per lb.



CATTLE AND CALVES: Shipped From Wisconsin to Other States, 2006-2009 1/

State	2006	2007	2008	2009	State	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number					Number			
Rhode Island	0	0	4	1	Kentucky	952	916	1,053	1,011
New Hampshire	4	3	2	0	Tennessee	65	79	52	38
Maine	8	2	9	48	Alabama	24	3	0	32
Vermont	5	29	32	33	Mississippi	696	4	31	1
Massachusetts	2	1	0	1	Arkansas	-	42	26	26
Connecticut	1	1	14	6	Louisiana	22	1	1	0
New York	57	385	287	727	Oklahoma	236	499	333	262
New Jersey	2	6	3	1	Texas	2,083	1,885	1,862	1,779
Pennsylvania	604	1,032	2,614	5,200	S. Central	4,078	3,429	3,358	3,149
North Atlantic	683	1,459	2,961	6,017	Montana	221	80	127	208
Ohio	4,020	2,643	5,644	8,453	Idaho	584	445	164	109
Indiana	8,975	9,339	12,223	9,703	Wyoming	44	9	5	1
Illinois	16,980	15,229	13,621	13,301	Colorado	7,487	7,112	7,860	5,265
Michigan	2,810	5,221	3,881	5,335	New Mexico	1,430	1,262	1,407	356
E. N. Central	32,785	32,432	35,369	36,792	Arizona	208	213	11	51
Minnesota	30,510	23,648	9,656	11,468	Utah	243	74	63	5
Iowa	44,916	41,457	45,284	33,734	Nevada	-	64	1	0
Missouri	2,810	1,882	1,241	1,264	Washington	132	218	11	47
North Dakota	357	2,424	2,445	1,450	Oregon	5	7	17	3
South Dakota	10,131	6,553	6,224	3,170	California	7,821	642	933	214
Nebraska	4,536	4,697	5,044	2,346	Western	18,175	10,126	10,599	6,070
Kansas	3,404	1,051	1,021	4,931	Alaska	-	0	0	0
W. N. Central	96,664	81,712	70,915	58,363	Hawaii	-	0	0	0
Delaware	1	0	0	4	Total	152,838	129,439	123,433	111,029
Maryland	27	27	29	113	1/Permits issued by the Division of Animal Health, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.				
Virginia	43	13	16	18					
West Virginia	3	0	0	6					
North Carolina	146	6	15	18					
South Carolina	-	4	1	0					
Georgia	11	18	18	13					
Florida	222	213	149	277					
South Atlantic	453	281	227	449					

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